

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] For purposes of the methods of the present invention, useful carbocyclic moieties have been described by Ferraro, M. and Gotor, V. in Chem Rev. 2000, volume 100, 4319-48. Suitable sugar moieties are described by Joeng, L.S. et al., in J Med. Chem. 1993, vol. 36, 2627-38; by Kim H.O. et al., in J Med. Chem. 1993, vol. 36, 30-7; and by Eschenmosser A., in Science 1999, vol. 284, 2118-2124. Moreover, useful acyclic moieties have been described by Martinez, C.I., et al., in Nucleic Acids Research 1999, vol. 27, 1271-1274; by Martinez, C.I., et al., in Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters 1997, vol. 7, 3013-3016; and in U.S. Patent 5,558,991 to Trainor, G. L. ~~5,558,91~~ ~~to Trainor, G.L.~~ Structures for these moieties are shown below, where for all moieties R may be H, OH, NHR, lower alkyl and aryl; for the sugar moieties X and Y are independently O, S, or NH; and for the acyclic moieties, X = O, S, NH, NR.